

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

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DEPARTMENT: Sun Metro

AGENDA DATE: July 28, 2009

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Jay Banasiak, (915) 533-5810, BanasiakJ1@elpasotexas.gov

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

That the Downtown Santa Fe Transfer Center shall be named and known as the BERT WILLIAMS DOWNTOWN SANTA FE TRANSFER CENTER.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Mr. Bert Williams, former Mayor and Councilman, is known for taking principled stands in the face of opposition and maintaining his determination to follow the dictates of his conscience. In 1962, while a member of the City Council, Mr. Williams introduced an ordinance banning discrimination in the City's motels, hotels, movie theaters, and restaurants and helped override the Mayor's veto, making El Paso the first city in the South to pass an anti-discrimination ordinance, two years before the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. During his tenure as Mayor, from 1971 to 1973, Mr. Williams became one of the first to challenge the American Smelting and Refining Company, in response to the discovery of high levels of lead in children who lived near the facility. As a result, the Company was required to monitor and test soil and air quality, and the nearby community of Smeltertown was closed. Mr. Williams has been a passionate advocate for fair and equal treatment of the under served and under represented, and he has been a dedicated leader in the community. Mr. Williams has served the City of El Paso with integrity and compassion and is truly deserving of recognition for his many contributions to its growth and progress.

The Citizen's Advisory Committee recommends the waiver of the recommended policy and requisite fifty (50) signatures in the naming of BERT WILLIAMS DOWNTOWN SANTA FE TRANSFER CENTER in order to meet the time constraints of opening the transfer center.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

No funding is necessary.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Citizen's Advisory Committee approved on July 21, 2009.

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____
DEPARTMENT HEAD: Lynley N. Leeper for Jay Banasiak
(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)
Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: _____

CITY MANAGER: _____

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mr. Bert Williams, former Mayor and Councilman, is known for taking principled stands in the face of opposition and maintaining his determination to follow the dictates of his conscience; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, while a member of the City Council, Mr. Williams introduced an ordinance banning discrimination in the City's motels, hotels, movie theaters, and restaurants and helped override the Mayor's veto, making El Paso the first city in the South to pass an anti-discrimination ordinance, two years before the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as Mayor, from 1971 to 1973, Mr. Williams became one of the first to challenge the American Smelting and Refining Company, in response to the discovery of high levels of lead in children who lived near the facility. As a result, the Company was required to monitor and test soil and air quality, and the nearby community of Smeltertown was closed; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams has been a passionate advocate for fair and equal treatment of the under served and under represented, and he has been a dedicated leader in the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams has served the City of El Paso with integrity and compassion, and he is truly deserving of recognition for his many contributions to its growth and progress; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2009, the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Board of the Mass Transit Department ("Citizen's Advisory Committee") met and approved a recommendation to name the soon to be completed Downtown Santa Fe Transfer Center after Mr. Bert Williams.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of El Paso accept the recommendation from the Citizen's Advisory Committee, to name the new Downtown Santa Fe Transfer Center located at 601 S. Santa Fe St., the **BERT WILLIAMS DOWNTOWN SANTA FE TRANSFER CENTER**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT the Downtown Santa Fe Transfer Center shall henceforth be named and known as the **BERT WILLIAMS DOWNTOWN SANTA FE TRANSFER CENTER**.

(Signatures begin on following page)

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2009.

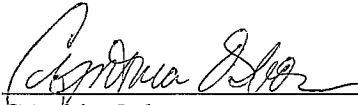
CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

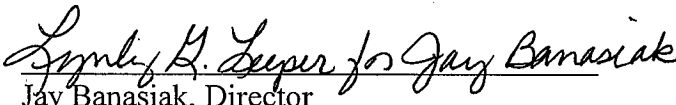
Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Cynthia Osborn
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Jay Banasiak, Director
Mass Transit Department

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